

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendments filed 12/17/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6, 8-29, 36, and 38-40 (newly numbered 1-32).
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 30 May 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 05/13/05.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

William F. Bashore
WILLIAM BASHORE
PRIMARY EXAMINER
8/16/2005

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jeffrey Schwartz on 05/13/05.

The application has been amended as follows:

1. (currently amended) An electronic shipment planner adapted for electronically presenting shipment and scheduling information to a user, the shipment and scheduling information including at least one shipment event date, said shipment planner comprising:

a shipment data repository containing shipment and scheduling information for inbound freight, outbound freight, and third party freight;

a system interface communicating with said shipment data repository;

a calendar display interface for displaying said shipment planner to the user in a calendar format, said calendar format comprising a tabular register of days;

a plurality of interactive shipment data links contained within certain days displayed in said calendar display interface, and electronically associated with the shipment and scheduling information, said plurality of shipment data links cooperating with said system interface as commanded by the user to access and retrieve the

associated shipment and scheduling information contained in said shipment data repository, and said plurality of shipment data links comprising:

a plurality of inbound freight data links for accessing and retrieving associated inbound freight information from said shipment data repository;

a plurality of outbound freight data links for accessing and retrieving associated outbound freight information from said shipment data repository;

a plurality of third party freight data links for accessing and retrieving associated third party freight information from said shipment data repository;

said calendar display interface further comprising a first data code visually distinguishing all of said inbound freight data links contained within said tabular register of days, a second data code visually distinguishing all of said outbound freight data links contained within said tabular register of days, and a third data code visually distinguishing all of said third party freight data links contained within said tabular register of days;

whereby said shipment planner defines an interactive visual reference adapted to manage and track shipments.

21. (currently amended) An electronic shipment planner adapted for electronically presenting shipment and scheduling information to a user, the shipment and scheduling information including at least one event date, said shipment planner comprising:

a shipment data repository containing shipment and scheduling information for inbound freight, outbound freight, and third party freight;

a system interface communicating with said shipment data repository;

a calendar display interface for displaying said shipment planner to the user in a calendar format, said calendar format comprising a tabular register of days;

a plurality of interactive shipment data links contained within certain days displayed in said calendar display interface, and electronically associated with the shipment and scheduling information, said plurality of shipment data links cooperating with said system interface as commanded by the user to access and retrieve the associated shipment and scheduling information contained in said shipment data repository, and said plurality of shipment data links comprising:

a plurality of inbound freight data links for accessing and retrieving associated inbound freight information from said shipment data repository;

a plurality of outbound freight data links for accessing and retrieving associated outbound freight information from said shipment data repository;

a plurality of third party freight data links for accessing and retrieving associated third party freight information from said shipment data repository;

a personal event data repository containing personal event information of the user, the personal event information being associated with a personal event date;

a plurality of interactive personal event data links contained within certain days displayed in said calendar display interface, and electronically associated with the personal event information of the user, said plurality of personal event data links cooperating with said system interface as commanded by the user to access and

retrieve the associated personal event information contained in said personal event data repository;

said calendar display interface further comprising a first data code visually distinguishing all of said inbound freight data links contained within said tabular register of days, a second data code visually distinguishing all of said outbound freight data links contained within said tabular register of days, a third data code visually distinguishing all of the said third party freight data links contained within said tabular register of days, and fourth data code visually distinguishing all of said personal event data links contained within said tabular register of days;

whereby said shipment planner defines an interactive visual reference to manage and track shipments;

a legend for indicating the data code for each of said shipment data and personal event data links.

36. (currently amended) A computer readable memory medium, encoded with data representing a computer program, that can be used by a computer system to direct the computer system to execute a method for electronically presenting shipment and scheduling information to a user, the shipment and scheduling information including at least one shipment event date, the medium comprising:

a system interface communicating with a shipment data repository containing shipment and scheduling information;

a calendar display interface for displaying shipment and scheduling information to the user in a calendar format, said calendar format comprising a tabular register of days;

a plurality of interactive shipment data links contained within certain days displayed in said calendar display interface, and electronically associated with the shipment and scheduling information, said plurality of shipment data links cooperating with said system interface as commanded by the user to access and retrieve the associated shipment and scheduling information contained in said shipment data repository, and said plurality of shipment data links comprising:

a plurality of inbound freight data links for accessing and retrieving associated inbound freight information from said shipment data repository;

a plurality of outbound freight data links for accessing and retrieving associated outbound freight information from said shipment data repository;

a plurality of third party freight data links for accessing and retrieving associated third party freight information from said shipment data repository;

said calendar display interface further comprising a first data code visually distinguishing all of said inbound freight data links contained within said tabular register of days, a second data code visually distinguishing all of said outbound freight data links contained within said tabular register of days, and a third data code visually distinguishing all of said third party freight data links contained within said tabular register of days;

whereby said shipment planner defines an interactive visual reference adapted to manage and track shipments.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rachna Singh whose telephone number is 571-272-4099. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:30AM-6:00PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Feild can be reached on 571-272-4090.

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